

HOUSE RESOLUTION 115
By Roach

A RESOLUTION To recognize Charles Wendell Cavin on the
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Charles Wendell Cavin is one such estimable citizen who has served with acumen, integrity and dedication as the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Agent in Grainger County for his entire career; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cavin was born in Church Hill, Tennessee on August 16, 1933 to proud parents Dewey and Katie Cavin; and

WHEREAS, His love of farming began when he was but a small lad growing up in Hawkins County, where he is fondly remembered as the scrawny little boy whose first 4-H project was chickens; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Tennessee, Mr. Cavin was immediately hired by the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service to serve as its Agricultural Extension Agent in Grainger County; and

WHEREAS, In this, his first and only position for his entire working life, Mr. Cavin has contributed significantly to the noble profession of agriculture, and he has served Grainger County's farmers with the utmost commitment and ability; and

WHEREAS, When Mr. Cavin first came to Rutledge, he stayed for a time at the Rutledge Inn; all the girls on the basketball team would loiter in the Inn's lobby, so they could meet their new Extension Agent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cavin soon came to realize that he loved Grainger County and never wanted to leave; although he had many opportunities to advance his career, he always chose to stay in Grainger County, slyly blaming his wife, Virginia, who was born and raised in Grainger County, for not being able to move on; and

WHEREAS, When Mr. Cavin had farm consultation calls, he was notorious for arriving for farm consultation calls right at High Noon, just when farmers and their families were usually sitting down to dinner; of course, he could never turn down an invitation to stay and eat; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his professional excellence, Mr. Cavin was honored with the United States Department of Agriculture Secretary's Award by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Dan Glickman, in 1998, thus becoming only the second Tennessean to ever receive this prestigious award; he traveled to Washington D.C. to personally receive the award in a special ceremony; and

WHEREAS, His many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Cavin is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Virginia Bates, and their daughter, Kelly Anne Cavin; and

WHEREAS, Charles Cavin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Charles Cavin has demonstrated a remarkable expertise in agriculture and a singular fidelity to duty, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the farming community of Grainger County alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to

Charles Wendell Cavin our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we thank Mr. Cavin for his meritorious service to Grainger County's farmers as their Agricultural Extension Agent and applaud his many years of hard work and professional excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.